Irad Biglow's Alphabet Seed



"Let's Plant a Few Seeds Right Now."

with pleasure as his aged kinsman, Irad Biglow, painfully pulled his trunk to the edge of the veranda preparatory to entering the farm wagon. After many delays the old man was about to go to his cousin, Freeman, where Edgar was anxious to see him

Old Irad Biglow's aged eyes became pathetic behind their bushy thatch as he readily deduced his welcome had been exhausted. But he had no settled home and it was imperative that he remain under Cousin Edgar's roof a

"Mebbe you can make me a short visit next year," soothed Edgar, letting down the tall-board of the wagon to receive the trunk.

Irad sighed. He knew his stay at Freeman's would be as brief as it was unwelcome. What after that filled him with forebodings. "Mebbe I can have you come in haying time," con-

"Haying time," muttered Irad, ruefully, his head sinking. Then his faded eyes lighted a bit and he more complacently observed: "I guess you'll have to come to me next summer, as I expect my experiments in busy for a year. I've worked out the alphabet seed all right, but there is a bit more fussing to be done. The grass comes harder'n the flowers. In lifting the trunk, kindly take care not to jostle it, as them parcels of seed may get loose. Now, if you'll give

me a lift, we'll-" "Seed?" murmured Edgar, his gaze narrowing suspiciously. "Whose seed?

Where did you git any seed?" "It's my alphabet seed," explained Irad, bending over the trunk. "The idea of planting flowers that would spell out things when they break into bloom always appealed to me. Take a city man's lawn. Say his name is Einsthan W. Jones. This seed sprouts and buds and flowers until you see on his lawn his full name gracefully spelled out. Also, his house number, If he pays extry I'll put in his telephone number. I first figgered on \$50 a lawn; then I said I'd be dinged if 4t wa'nt worth five dollars a letter. Each seed develops into a letter. It's like setting type, you know. Have a little box with a bin for each letter and numeral, and then wander around careless and easy like, mebbe humgning a little song, and pick out the

seeds from the different bins. "Now, at five dollars a letter Elmathan W. Jones would pay \$70. That doesn't include his house number. Take a city of 100,000, and say 200 householders-only 200, mind youbuy the alphabet seed. Averaging \$50 spiece that city would net us \$10,000. And that's only for one summer. Now

"Holy mackerel!" stuttered Edgar, fanning his fewered brow and tenderly pulling the trunk back to the door-"Irad Bigelow, sit down, Why didn't you tell one of this before? Why, Irac, how could you think of quitting your best friend. Now, don't look at that danged trunk. Just forgit it. Fill your pipe. We're going to have a boiled dinner what I know you are fond of."

"But Freeman?" feebly protested

"Freeman be hanged," Cried Edgar. "You're going to pay me a decent visit. Now, this sted-"

"This seed will be a harvest of dollars" proudly assured Irad, sinking Sprightly—Never saw you do that, into a chair. "The figgers I've men-

Cousin Edgar's narrow eyes gleamed | tioned are based on Maine cities. But think of the profits when we git into cities where's there a lot of Germans and sign contracts for names like Kuppeinhelmeira and Hockensteinberger. Sounds good, eh? Then ask me what's in a name. Ha! ha! ha! Take a wealthy Italian, say Giovanni Guiseppi Staniluscioria-

"And streets where the house num-bers run into the thousands," bab-bled Edger. "And think of families spelling out their children's names." "And think of big factories spelling

out its name and the goods it manufactures," continued Irad. "Think of the advertising along the railroads, where the alphabet grass and flowers take the place of billboards and tell you where to buy creamed hay and predigested straw, with two or three testimonials spelled out in small violets-all at five dollars per. Why, it makes me dizzy trying to jump over the numerals. I git tired out before catch up with the dollar sign, snum! I almost wish there wasn't so much in it. We'll git so tuckered out indorsing checks that we'll have to buy a rubber stamp. Of course when the summer resorts-"

"Don't! You make my head ache," seeds right now."

"Hardly now," demurred Irad, pulling his hat over his eyes. "There'll be time enough for that after I've perfected the coloring scheme." "The which?" gasped Edgar.

"The coloring scheme has got to be worked out," explained Irad. "Barring that, the seed is ready for planting. You see, I've got to figger out how to infuse the colors into the seed and do it so they won't run, or fade. If I planted a seed now it would come up a letter of the alphabet, but you'd never know it, as they would be all of one color. But I'll git to work on the color scheme, and by another summer-

"I'll say good-day till dinner time, Mr. Irad Bigelow," gritted Edgar, as he led the horses back to the stable. Copyright, 1919, by W. G. Chapman.

Steer Wide of Conjurers.

It was rush night at the Italian restaurant and people were lined up three deep waiting for a table. At one table big enough for three one man dined alone.

"Why don't you put somebody down there with him?" asked a man.

The little proprietor stared. "With him?" he exclaimed. "Ah, no; they never come again. He is a conjurer He plays tricks on people who eat with him and makes them look foolish. He eats alone, always."

"That's right," said the man who waited. "It's a fact that nobody wants to eat with those fellows. I don't. I'd rather go hungry. There is one restaurant down town that is popular with conjurers. The proprietor has ordered small tables especially for them. They don't even want to eat with each other. They may prom ise to be good, but before a meal is finished they are pretty sure to make a laughing stock of somebody."

"Seems to me," said the woman "that that would be a good way to get a table all to yourself. Just say you are a professional conjurer and everybody would give you a wide berth."

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